GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUE INFORMATION CENTRE
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of areas of Bihar where Agricultural Technique Information Centre have been set up;

(b) the amount spent by the Union and the State Government thereon; and

(c) the details of work done by the said centres in providing knowledge to the farmers about modern agricultural techniques?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned establishment of an Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) in favour of Rajendra Agricultural University (RAU), PUSA, Samastipur in Nov. 1999; with the objective to create a single window system to provide technology products, diagnostic services and technology information to the farmers and other end-users.

(b) An amount of Rs. 43.325 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Council to RAU, Samastipur.

(c) The work done by the ATIC, RAU, Samastipur includes testing of 1490 soil samples, advisory services to 5710 farmers, besides providing planting materials for sugarcane, mango, litchi, lemon, guava, sapota, pomegranate, jackfruit and wood-apple.